

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING

Dimondale Nursing Center
4000 N. Michigan Road, Dimondale

May 18, 2007

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and reiterated the role of the Commission, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Kennedy thanked the Dimondale Nursing Center for hosting today's meeting. Chairperson Kennedy also acknowledged Commissioner Rau and the staff at the Dimondale Nursing Center for making today's meeting possible.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Gardner, Rose Gill, Jerutha Kennedy, Chun-Keung Leung, Donald Newport, Anthony Pawelski, Thomas Rau, Amne Talab, Ramesh Verma, William Walters IV, Janice Wilson, and James Wright

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Owen Bieber, Cheryl Bollinger, Albert Lewis

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None

OSA STAFF PRESENT

Steve Betterly, Eric Berke, Peggy Brey, Dan Doezeema, Bonnie Graham, Sharon Gire, Sherri King, Laura McMurtry, and Holliace Spencer

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Tom Horworth, Jim McGuire, Meredith Jung-En Woo-Cumings, and Kristy Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Pawelski made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Gardner made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None

OSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gire updated the Commission on the following:

- ✓ May is Older American's Month
- ✓ Attended the Mental Health & Aging Conference

Budget

- ✓ No agreement on Michigan's budget

Director Gire provided Commissioners with a copy of the remarks regarding the FY 2007 and FY 2008 state budget that she has used in her presentations to the area agencies on aging. Director Gire stated the Commission was free to use these remarks if members would like to advocate for a responsible resolution to the current state budget crisis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Wright to draft a letter from the Commission to the editors of local newspapers regarding the Commission's concerns regarding the budget stalemate and advocating for a mix of cuts and revenue increases. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Director Gire stated that she would draft the letter and send it out to all the Commissioners. Director Gire also noted that OSA has been asked to advocate at the federal level regarding reauthorization of the Farm Bill, which include authorizing legislation for the food stamp program. Advocates for the food stamp program are also asking for specific changes to the bill that will strengthen the program. Director Gire stated that OSA will draft a letter and send it on behalf of the Commission.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Senior Community Service and Employment Program (SCSEP) Draft Program Manual

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, requested the Commission's approval of the SCSEP Draft Program Manual, to be effective July 1, 2007. Ms. McMurtry stated the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) requires that all state SCSEP Grantees implement changes resulting from the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA). A SCSEP Standards Workgroup was formed to incorporate required program changes into the manual. On March 20, 2007 the draft manual was distributed for a 30-day review and comment period. Ms. McMurtry highlighted the changes made in the manual.

Ms. McMurtry noted that as a result of OAA reauthorization, the name of the program has also been changed to the Michigan Older American Community Service Employment Program (MOACSEP).

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the SCSEP Draft Program Manual. Commissioner Verma seconded the motion. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed.

Approval of the Proposed Substantive Amendment to the FY 2007 Annual Area Implementation Plan (AIP) for Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (Region 10)

Dan Doezeema, OSA staff, requested Commission approval for the proposed substantive amendment to the FY 2007 AIP for Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan.

The amendment as specified in Appendix G: Request to Transfer Funds, will revise the AIP and Area Plan Budget by transferring \$7,266.00 from Title III-C-1 Congregate Nutrition Services to Title III-B Supportive Services for In-Home Services. The plan has been reviewed by OSA and found to satisfy all pertinent program plan approval criteria, including a public hearing held on May 3, 2007.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the proposed substantive amendment to the FY 2007 AIP for Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (Region 10). Commissioner Newport seconded the motion. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed.

Approval of the Proposed Substantive Amendment to the FY 2007 Annual Area Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the proposed substantive amendment to the FY2007 AIP for Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging.

Mr. Betterly stated there are two proposed changes submitted as part of the amendment to this plan. They are:

1. Appendix G: Request to Transfer Funds up to \$20,000 from Title III-B Supportive Services to Title III-C Nutrition Services.
2. Add Home Injury Control under In-Home Services as a funded service category within their FY 2007 AIP.

Mr. Betterly stated the plan has been reviewed by OSA and found to satisfy all pertinent program plan approval criteria. Mr. Betterly noted that two public hearings regarding the amendment were held on April 23, 2007, one in Barry County, the other at Burnham Brook.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walters to approve the proposed substantive amendment to the FY 2007 AIP for Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A discussion followed on the difference between home repair and home injury control services. The Commissioners also asked for clarification on the process of submitting a substantive amendment to an AIP. Mr. Betterly, at the request of Commissioner Newport, explained why the AAA was "transferring up to \$20,000" as opposed to a defined funding amount. Commissioner Verma also asked for clarification as to the process for approving Appendix G.

FY 2008 Annual Area Implementation Plan (AIP) Approval Criteria

Sherri King, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the FY 2008 AIP Approval Criteria. Ms. King stated the approval criteria will be provided to the area agencies on aging for guidance in preparation of their AIPs and will be used by OSA to evaluate the submitted AIPs by the area agencies on aging.

Ms. King stated that changes were made to the FY 2008 AIP Approval Criteria to update the timetable for development, submission and approval of the AIP. In addition, program development objectives are required to include health and wellness, senior centers, and transportation. Language was also strengthened regarding minority ownership of AAA sub-contract agencies to increase cultural competency and single signature page has been included to eliminate multiple signatures. Ms. King gave a brief overview on each area.

Ms. King noted the Administration on Aging (AoA) awarded a grant to OSA in the amount of \$259,000 for 3 years to promote health and wellness in communities. Ms. King stated that Region 1A, Region 2, Region 5, and Region 9 will become test pilot sites for this grant award.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the FY 2008 Annual Area Implementation Plan Approval criteria and seconded by Commissioner Walters. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Walters asked for clarification regarding the intent of the program development requirement for transportation. A brief discussion followed.

FY 2007 State Advisory Council (SAC) Membership Nomination

Commissioner Walters, Chair of the State Advisory Council, requested approval on the appointment of a new SAC member following the resignation of a member who was moving out of state. Commissioner Walters stated the nominating committee reviewed several applicants on file and are recommending the re-appointment of Mr. Clyde Sheltroun to serve a one-year term. Mr. Sheltroun is from Region 9, which has been under-represented for the past two years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the appointment of Mr. Sheltroun to the State Advisory Council, and seconded by Commissioner Pawelski. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Korean View on Aging

Commissioner Verma introduced Meredith Jung-En Woo-Cumings, Professor of Political Science at University of Michigan and invited her to make her presentation on the characteristics and diversity of the Korean older population.

Professor Woo taught at Northwestern University and Columbia University before joining the University of Michigan. Her teaching and research interests include Economic Development, International Political Economy, East Asian Politics, and U.S. East Asian relations. In 1996, she was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the Presidential Commission on U.S. Pacific Trade and Investment Policy. Professor Woo

has authored and edited six books. She is fluent in English, Korean, and Japanese, and reads Chinese, Spanish and Portuguese.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked Professor Woo for information on the effects of immigration patterns on the number of older Koreans in our country and for providing many valuable insights on the similarities and differences of how the elderly is cared for in Korea as compared to the United States.

Dimondale Nursing Care Center

Shari Carson, Community Leader for the Dimondale Nursing Center, gave a presentation to the Commission covering the history of the Dimondale Nursing Center and how the facility went from a nursing home to a nursing care center. Ms. Carson highlighted the Homebound Unit of Dimondale also agreed to provide tours to anyone wishing to participate.

Other

Commissioner Wilson informed the Commission that a vaccine for shingles is now available for people over 60, but stated that most insurance carriers do not cover the cost of the vaccine, including Medicare.

Commissioner Newport noted that he and Dan Doezema from OSA presented the Community for a Lifetime Award to the City of Gaylord. Commissioner Newport also noted he will be attending the Region 9 AAA annual meeting. He would also like to see the continuation of the strategic vision planning in the near future.

Commissioner Walters attended the Michigan State University Information and Referral session regarding rural health care. He also noted there will be a total of 8 sessions around Michigan. He will provide the dates of the other sessions to the Commission.

Commissioner Wright stated Director Gire presented a budget update to Burnham Brook board members on May 15, 2007. He also noted Burnham Brook had a resource fair on aging with a fantastic turnout.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 15. Given ongoing concerns regarding the 2007 State budget, the June and July Commission meetings will be held via conference call. Anyone from the public wishing to attend may come to the Office of Services to the Aging at 7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing to participate.

The June 14 and August 2 State Advisory Council meetings have been cancelled due to ongoing concerns with the 2007 State budget. We are hoping to be back to normal by October 1, but will keep you posted.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pawleski and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.